

## **Arizona Developmental Disabilities Planning Council Legislative Update: January 18, 2013**

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The state legislature opened its 2013-2014 session on Monday, January 14, 2013. There were many introductions and speeches. Members of the House of Representatives and the Senate listened together to Governor Brewer as she talked about her vision for Arizona.

Governor Brewer wants to expand the state's Medicaid program and use money from the federal government. According to the Arizona Republic newspaper, this would bring health coverage back to about 50,000 people who lost health care because of budget cuts. It will also provide coverage to 250,000 more low-income Arizonans.

Governor Brewer also talked about increasing Child Protective Services, adding School Resource Officers for school safety, adopting improved standards for education, and simplifying the sales tax code.

As of January 15, 2013, lawmakers submitted 119 bills that could become law. There will be many more bills introduced this year (last year there were 1,395 bills introduced, but only 362 became law). We will provide more information as new bills are introduced and current bills are amended, expanded and explained. Many of the bills introduced will not affect the Arizona Developmental Disabilities Planning Council, but we will report on the bills that might be of impact.

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## ARIZONA DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES PLANNING COUNCIL LEGISLATIVE REPORT

**Bill Status Summary Table****January 18, 2013**

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<b>BILLS RELATED TO DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITY ISSUES</b>			
<b>Bill Number</b>	<b>Sponsor</b>	<b>Brief Description</b>	<b>Status</b>
HB 2001 Fact Sheet Pending	<a href="#">Representative Carl Seel</a> (REP)	State Health Care Exchange; Prohibition To make someone other than the State of Arizona responsible for establishing and administering the Health Insurance Exchange in AZ.	Not yet assigned to committee.
HB 2044 Fact Sheet Pending	<a href="#">Representative Heather Carter</a> (REP)	Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System (AHCCCS); Continuation. Extend the AHCCCS system for 10 more years to July 1, 2023.	Assigned to Health Committee. House first read: 1/15/13
HB 2045 Fact Sheet Pending	<a href="#">Representative Heather Carter</a> (REP)	AHCCCS; Hospital Reimbursement Methodology Change the way hospitals are paid; no longer require legislature to approve new rates.	Assigned to Health Committee. House first read: 1/15/13
HB 2046 Fact Sheet Pending	<a href="#">Representative Heather Carter</a> (REP)	AHCCCS; Omnibus Prepare for Affordable Healthcare Act by removing the Healthcare Group Program. Changes some types of services offered by AHCCCS.	Assigned to Health Committee. House first read: 1/15/13
SB 1006 Fact Sheet Pending	<a href="#">Senator Ed Ableser</a> (DEM)	Appropriations; Adult Education Programs Provide \$4.6 million for adult education programs.	Assigned to Senate Appropriations Committee First Read: 1/14/2013 Second Read: 1/15/2013

**DETAILED INFORMATION**

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**Bills Related to Developmental Disability Issues:**

**HB 2001:** STATE HEALTH CARE EXCHANGE; PROHIBITION

**Status:** Not yet assigned to committee.

**Summary:** Part of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (PPACA) requires a Health Insurance Exchange. A Health Insurance Exchange is a place where individuals may purchase health insurance with help from the federal government. This law would make the federal government responsible for establishing and administering the Health Insurance Exchange in Arizona.

**Impact:** • To be determined.

**HB 2044:** ARIZONA HEALTH CARE COST CONTAINMENT SYSTEM (AHCCCS); CONTINUATION.

**Status:** Not yet assigned to committee.

**Summary:** This law would extend the AHCCCS system for 10 more years to July 1, 2023

**Impact:** • To be determined.

**HB 2045:** AHCCCS; HOSPITAL REIMBURSEMENT METHODOLOGY

**Status:** Not yet assigned to committee.

**Summary:** This law changes the way hospitals are paid using a process similar to those established in the Social Security Act. The law would no longer require the legislature to approve new rates.

**Impact:** • To be determined.

**HB 2046:** AHCCCS; OMNIBUS

**Status:** Not yet assigned to committee.

**Summary:** This law gets the state ready for the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (PPACA) by removing the Healthcare Group program. The Healthcare Group of Arizona was created

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in 1985 by the Arizona State Legislature. The Healthcare Group is a state-sponsored, public-private partnership created to provide reasonably priced healthcare coverage to small businesses with 2-50 employees and political subdivisions. This group is no longer necessary under the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (PPACA). The proposed law also changes some types of services covered by AHCCCS.

**Impact:**     • To be determined.

***SB 1006:***    APPROPRIATIONS; ADULT EDUCATION PROGRAMS

**Status:**     Assigned to appropriations committee. Second reading:  
1/15/2013.

**Summary:**   This law would give Department of Education \$4,600,000 for adult education programs. Specific programs have not been identified yet.

**Impact:**     • To be determined.

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